

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

1. (previously presented) A drum washing machine, comprising:
 - a water tub to contain water therein;
 - a rotary drum included in the water tub and comprising:
 - a rotating axis of the rotary drum is inclined relative to a horizontal axis at a predetermined first angle of inclination allowing an inlet opening of the rotary drum to be directed upward and forward facing an inner surface of a door of the drum washing machine,
 - a drain hole provided on the rotary drum at a position adjacent to the inlet opening, and
 - an internal surface of the rotary drum being inclined relative to the rotating axis of the rotary drum at a predetermined second angle of inclination so as to guide the water to the drain hole, prior to discharging the water from the rotary drum to an outside of the rotary drum through the drain hole;
 - a drive unit to drive the rotary drum; and
 - a water circulation unit to feed the water from the water tub into the rotary drum,wherein the rotary drum comprises a rear part which is closed and coupled to a rotating shaft at a center of the rear part, a front part spaced apart from the rear part, with the inlet opening provided at a central portion of the front part, and the drain hole provided on an edge of the inlet opening of the front part, and a sidewall part which is closed and extends between the rear part and the front part wherein an inner diameter of the sidewall part increases along a direction from the rear part to the front part to allow an internal surface of the sidewall part to be inclined, and
- the drain hole comprises a plurality of rows of drain holes provided around an edge of the front part of the rotary drum.

2. (original) The drum washing machine of claim 1, further comprising a heater provided in a lower portion of the water tub which heats the water.

3. (original) The drum washing machine of claim 2, further comprising a drain unit having a drain pipe connected to the lower portion of the water tub and a drain pump mounted to an intermediate portion of the drain pipe.

4. (original) The drum washing machine of claim 3, wherein the water circulation unit comprising:

a control valve mounted to the drain pipe of the drain unit at a position around an outlet of the drain pump to control a flow direction of the water flowing from the drain pump;

a water circulation pipe extending from the control valve to the inlet opening of the rotary drum; and

a spray nozzle mounted to an outlet of the water circulation pipe to spray the water into the rotary drum.

5. (original) The drum washing machine of claim 1, further comprising a drain unit having a drain pipe connected to a lower portion of the water tub and a drain pump mounted to an intermediate portion of the drain pipe.

6. (previously presented) The drum washing machine of claim 1, wherein the water circulation unit comprises:

a control valve mounted to the drain pipe of the drain unit at a position around an outlet of the drain pump to control a flow direction of the water flowing from the drain pump;

a water circulation pipe extending from the control valve to the inlet opening of the rotary drum; and

a spray nozzle mounted to an outlet of the water circulation pipe to spray the water into the rotary drum.

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